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Ms. Laurie Duarte
General Services Administration
FAR Secretariat (MVR)
Room 4035
1800 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20405
Re: FAR Case: 2001-014

Dear Ms. Duarte:

We want to say thank you in advance for taking time out of your schedule to read our letter.

As citizens, small-business owners and members of the Independent Electrical Contractors Inc., my wife and I would like to express our feelings concerning the above listed case.

This proposal was first offered in July of 1999 and at that time there were well over 1500 comments received by the Clinton Administration against this proposal. On December 20, 2000 the Administration issued its highly controversial rule which became effective- 30 days - later on January 19, 2001.

The Bush Administration announced that it would carefully review "the flurry" of regulations issued in the closing days of the last Administration. On January 31, 2001 the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council (CAAT) allowed federal agencies to postpone implementing the final rule until July 19, 2001.

These Regulations that were issued by the Clinton Administration were ill founded and would expose small-businesses to unfair denial of federal contracts.

Important reforms in acquisition policy are clearly needed to open up opportunities for small-business and independent contractors. It is our desire that GSA and the FAR Secretariat can create more attention to the important pro competitive provisions required for the future.

Sincerely,

Terry & Patricia Ozburn

Terry and Patricia Ozburn, Owners
Ozburn Electrical Contractors, Inc.

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